(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A committee of experts from Indian Air Force (IAF) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was constituted in May 2002 to define system configuration, its role and broad operational requirements.

Suggestions of Kargil Review Committee

2073. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kargil Review Committee (KRC) under the Chairmanship of security expert K. Subramaniyam has suggested amalgamation and pooling of various Service Intelligence organizations to ensure synergy between the three armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government to the above suggestion of KRC?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Kargil Review Committee (KRC), while highlighting the lack of an effective institutionalised mechanism for coordination/interaction between the intelligence agencies and users at different levels, *inter alia* recommended examination of the working of the intelligence system and also observed that the issue of setting up of an integrated Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) needs examination.

(c) Accordingly, a Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted by the Government on 17th April 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and, in particular to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation. The Report of the GoM on "Reforming the National Security System" was accepted by Government, a Defence Intelligence Agency was set up in February 2002 under the Integrated Defence Staff. The Intelligence Agency acts as the Coordinator of the intelligence organizations of all the three Services.

Networking in naval forces

2074. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether networking in naval forces has been undertaken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?